

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This amendment is in response to an Office Action dated March 24, 2004. The Examiner is thanked for the thorough examination. In the Office Action, claims 8-25 were allowed. Claims 2-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102(e). While Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection in its entirety, further discussion of the grounds for traverse are moot in light of the cancellation of claims 2-7.

Allowance at the Examiner's earliest opportunity is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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